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Title: Need to bring legislation to create separate State of Bodoland in the current Session of Parliament.

SHRI SANSUMA KHUNGGUR BWISWMUTHIARY (KOKRAJHAR): Sir, I welcome the Government of India's move to grant statehood to the backward regions of `Uttaranchal, Vananchal and Chhatisgarh, and will always do so in regard to the implementation of the `Smaller States Concept' in other deserving regions too. However, the most genuine, legitimate and long pending demand for a separate Bodoland State was kept aside while announcing recently the Cabinet decision in regard to creation of `Uttaranchal, Vananchal and Chhatisgarh' only.

The present Government of India should take a concrete policy decision on the long standing demand for a separate State of Bodoland too in order to bring about a lasting political solution to the most alarming Bodoland tangle, by granting Statehood on the lines of `Uttaranchal, Vananchal and Chhatisgarh' for the greater national interest.

Therefore, immediate creation of the long awaited separate State of Bodoland is the only lasting political solution for all round growth and development of the indigenous Bodo people and also to ensure their existence, survival and their safety security within their promised Bodoland State.

I therefore, strongly urge upon the Union Government to take a concrete and positive policy decision to create separate State of Bodoland through the introduction of the requisite Constitution (Amendment) Bill during the on-going Parliament Session itself on the lines of `Uttaranchal, Vananchal and Chhatisgarh' considering the gravity and seriousness of the situation mounting within the proposed Bodoland territory in particular, as well as in the entire North-Eastern region, for the greater interest of the national unity, integrity and security as well.